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AMENDMENT

Entry of the following amendments and remarks with the attached Request, and the Amendment of June 26, 2000, are requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows.

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55. (Twice Amended) A method of treating a mammal infected with HCV comprising administering an effective amount of a composition according to any one of claims 49-51 and 53 and, optionally, a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant.

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59. (Amended) A therapeutic [vaccine] composition <u>for inducing HCV-specific</u> antibodies comprising a therapeutic effective amount of a composition comprising an E1/E2